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Chief Executive Officer

November 15, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
HANCOCK PARK PIT 91 DRAINAGE PROJECT
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SPECS. 6798; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86722
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will find the proposed Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the use of a Board-approved Job Order Contract to resolve the wastewater drainage from the lake located at Hancock Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act 15302 Class 2(c) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines because the proposed replacement project will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing utility system.
2. Approve the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project in the amount of \$2,000,000.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to deliver Phase I of the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project by using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.
4. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreement 3 with URS Corporation to provide construction administration support services for a direct sewer discharge connection for a \$209,415 not-to-exceed fee funded by the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project, Capital Project No. 86722, and to establish the effective date following your Board's approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to deliver the first phase of the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project (Project) by using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC). The Project is located at the La Brea Tar Pits on Wilshire Boulevard and operated by the Museum of Natural History (Museum).

Background

The La Brea Tar Pits site contains the Page Museum, Hancock Park Pit 91, other pits, a creek, an oil lake, and various stormwater drainage pipelines, pumps, sumps, and oil-water separators. During high rainfall conditions, the existing oil-water separators overflow. This overflow results in oily water getting into the storm drainage system that eventually discharges into Ballona Creek. Due to new water regulations, the County failed to meet the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) stormwater guideline limits and incurred \$15,000 in penalties in 2006 for alleged noncompliance with waste discharge requirements. As a temporary measure to avoid additional violations, since 2009, excess wastewater has been discharged into the sanitary sewer system through a permit with the City of Los Angeles (City).

To develop a permanent solution, your Board awarded an agreement to URS Corporation (URS) in 2006 to conduct a feasibility study to analyze the existing drainage system and identify solutions to prevent potential oily water from discharging into the public storm drain system and to comply with the RWQCB limits during heavy rain events. In April 2008 and June 2010, your Board awarded Supplemental Agreements to URS for additional testing and analysis of the wastewater to confirm the appropriate treatment method, the design of the sewer discharge connection system, and to address the State Water Resources Board (SWRB) newly-approved Resolution 2008-0045, which imposed total maximum daily load (TMDL) limitations for metals in

Ballona Creek, the body of water to which the lake pit water is discharged through the storm drain system.

Proposed Project

The proposed Project will be implemented in phases, and includes a permanent connection to the City's sewer system; landscaping of the oil lake perimeter; and grading, reconfiguring, and landscaping the oil creek. The design of the Phase I, the permanent connection to the City's sewer system, is now completed.

Phase I includes installation of an underground pipeline that will originate at the west side of the lake and proceed south across the site to connect to an existing 18-inch diameter underground sanitary sewer main on Wilshire Boulevard. A new lift station concrete vault will be installed at the lake shoreline containing two submersible pumps to transfer water from the lake into renovated underground clarifiers. After the water is treated by the clarifiers, the purified water will drain into a new underground concrete vault that will contain a flow meter. The clarified water will then gravity drain through the new underground pipeline for disposal into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Upon completion of Phase I, we will return to your Board with a recommendation for completing the remaining Project phases to address the lake and oil creek landscaping, anticipated in May 2012, including appropriate recommendations pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by maximizing the effectiveness of the County's structure and operation, to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by improving the quality of life for the residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Public Works' fair construction cost estimate for Phase I of this Project is \$462,000. The total Project cost, including program development, plans and specifications, construction, change orders, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, jurisdictional review, and County services, is estimated at \$2,000,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Capital Projects/Refurbishment Budget Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project, Capital Project No. 86722. The proposed Project is funded by prior year net County cost.

The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the attachment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard supplemental agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The existing consultant services agreement with URS includes the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination of services, renegotiations, hiring qualified displaced County employees Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Programs, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, and Child Support Compliance Program.

Pursuant to your Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004, as amended, the proposed Phase I Project is exempt from the Civic Art Policy funding allocation requirement because the work involves replacement of an existing underground drainage system with an estimated cost less than \$500,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The proposed Project to replace the existing drainage system and to install a new underground pipeline to replace a temporary discharge system, including a new pump lift station and additional modifications to existing below grade site structures that will allow direct discharge of treated water from the Lake Pit to the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Sanitary Sewer, is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15302(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document and Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have the same purpose and capacity as the existing structure. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, impacts to historical resources, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the Project records. Upon your Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On October 31, 2006, your Board awarded an agreement to URS to conduct a feasibility study to analyze the existing drainage system and identify a solution to mitigate potential oily water from discharge into the public storm drain system and to comply with the RWQCB limits during heavy rain events.

On April 15, 2008, your Board awarded Supplemental Agreement 1 to URS for additional testing and analysis of the wastewater to confirm the appropriate treatment method.

On June 29, 2010, your Board approved Supplemental Agreement 2 with URS to provide design services, soil and geotechnical testing, and environmental documentation for a recommended efficient water treatment method to address SWRB TMDL imposed limitations as well as the RWQCB requirements.

The recommended Supplemental Agreement 3 for a \$209,415 not-to-exceed amount will provide construction administration support services during the construction phase. These services are within the scope of the original solicitation. The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work.

URS' Community Business Enterprises participation data (25 percent) and three-year contracting history with the County are on file with Public Works.

The agreement requires the consultant to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; and the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', written over the printed name.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Arts Commission
Internal Services
Museum of Natural History
Public Works

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ATTACHMENT

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Design Construction Documents Jurisdictional Approvals	07/12/11* 11/21/11
Construction Substantial Completion Acceptance	04/15/12 05/31/12

*Indicates completed activity

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction			
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 789,778	\$ (789,778)	\$ -
Job Order Contract - Sewer Connection	-	420,000	420,000
Landscaping for Lake and Oil Creek	-	226,310	226,310
Change Order Contingency	78,978	(36,978)	42,000
Civic Arts	11,469	(11,469)	-
Subtotal	\$ 880,225	\$ (191,915)	\$ 688,310
Programming/Development			
Feasibility Study	\$ 120,785	\$ -	\$ 120,785
Treatability Testing	65,100	-	65,100
Subtotal	\$ 185,885	\$ -	\$ 185,885
Plans and Specifications	\$ 403,647	\$ -	\$ 403,647
Consultant Services			
Cost Estimating	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500
Legal	2,500	-	2,500
Contract/Supplemental (Additional Services)	20,000	-	20,000
Other (A/E Construction Support)	20,000	189,415	209,415
Subtotal	\$ 50,000	\$ 189,415	\$ 239,415
Miscellaneous Expenditures			
Printing	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Jurisdictional Reviews and Plan Check	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
County Services			
Contract Administration	\$ 38,782	\$ -	\$ 38,782
AED Support Services	22,182	-	22,182
Project Management	264,755	-	264,755
Secretarial	32,481	-	32,481
Document Control	32,850	-	32,850
Consultant Contract Recovery	48,129	-	48,129
AED Inspections	17,064	-	17,064
ISD Countywide Contract Compliance Section	6,500	-	6,500
Watershed Management Division	5,000	-	5,000
Programs Development Division	-	2,500	2,500
Subtotal	\$ 467,743	\$ 2,500	\$ 470,243
TOTAL	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000